

*****August 18, 2021*****

The Signal Mountain Town Council held a Special Called meeting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. Those present were:

Those present were: Mayor Charles Poss
Vice Mayor Susannah Murdock
Councilmember Andrew Gardner
Councilmember Dan Landrum

Also present were: Town Manager Boyd Veal
Finance Director/Town Recorder Carol White
Special Proj. & Compliance Manager Sam Guin
See attached list for others present

Mayor Poss led the pledge of allegiance. A moment of silence was observed.

Citizen Comments

Mayor Poss asked if there were any requests to address the Council.

Bill Sonnenburg, Ohio Drive, spoke in favor of the proposed budget.

There being no further requests, the meeting proceeded.

Resolutions

1. "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION FOR THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE BODY WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

2. "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JEFFREY DUKE TO BE THE MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING OFFICER TO HEAR VIOLATIONS OF LOCALLY ADOPTED CODE AND ZONING ORDINANCES FOR THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN AS AUTHORIZED BY TENNESSEE CODE ANNOTATED, SECTIONS 6-54-1001 THROUGH 6-54-1018 AND SECTIONS 12-801 THROUGH 12-817 OF THE TOWN CODE, AND AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED AGREEMENT FOR SAID SERVICES."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the Resolution. Mayor Poss seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the resolution was approved.

Public Hearing

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Tax Rate

Mayor Poss invited comments from the audience.

Paul Toth, Ridgerock Drive, asked that the Town provide a full schedule of leaf pickup dates and times. Mr. Toth spoke in opposition to any property tax increase for employee compensation increases.

Anne Hagood, James Blvd., spoke in favor of the proposed tax increase included in the budget.

There being no further public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

Mayor Poss invited comments from the audience.

There being no public comment, the meeting was resumed.

Ordinances

1. "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN, TENNESSEE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022 HEREINAFTER KNOWN AS THE "FY 2021-2022 BUDGET ORDINANCE".

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. The motion to approve the second reading of the ordinance was approved by roll call vote, with 3 in favor and with Councilmember Gardner opposed.

2. "AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN AND RE-ADOPT TITLE 14, CHAPTER 4, "DESIGN PRINCIPLES AND STANDARDS", OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

3. "AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN AND RE-ADOPT TITLE 14, CHAPTER 4, SECTIONS 408 AND 409, OF THE SIGNAL MOUNTAIN TOWN CODE."

Councilmember Landrum made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Vice Mayor Murdock seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

4. "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13, CHAPTERS 2 AND 3 OF THE TOWN OF SIGNAL MOUNTAIN MUNICIPAL CODE."

Vice Mayor Murdock made a motion to approve the second reading of the Ordinance. Councilmember Landrum seconded the motion. All present being in favor, the second reading of the ordinance was approved.

Discussion

- a. Stormwater Fees. Town Manager, Boyd Veal, explained that this item requires a 30-day notice of a public hearing. He said the first reading of the ordinance will be on September 13, with the public hearing and second reading on September 27, 2021.

Manager's Report

Mr. Veal informed the Council there will be a state inspection of the Marion/Driver project next Friday.

Mr. Veal said that the preliminary plans for the Old Town sidewalk project were presented to TDOT on May 17. He said that just last week the Town received a request for additional information related to ADA compliance matters.

Mr. Veal informed the Council that he proposes to implement the pay plan increases effective with the next payroll, instead of making the increases retroactive to the beginning of the fiscal year. He said this would allow more flexibility in the budget and allow the Town to consider implementing the plan as originally recommended, but for ten months rather than twelve. Councilmember Landrum made a motion to recommend instructing staff to move forward with implementation of the original recommendation of 4%. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Other Business

- a. Communications from the Mayor/Council.

Councilmember Gardner expressed concern about residents having leaves in the roadway prior to leaf pickups. Mr. Veal said that this often happens as a result of using yard services.

Mayor Poss asked about the Rainbow Lake charrettes questionnaire results. Mr. Veal said he had not yet received results, but that he will push out this information to Council and the Parks Board for review once it is received.

Mayor Poss informed the Council that he, Mr. Veal and staff met with the State Comptrollers Office regarding the Recovery Act Funds. Mr. Veal explained to them that the Town's current plans for the funding are to use it primarily for water and stormwater projects.

- b. Reports from Committees or Boards.

Councilmember Landrum informed the Council that the Tree Board will meet tomorrow.

- c. Other. None

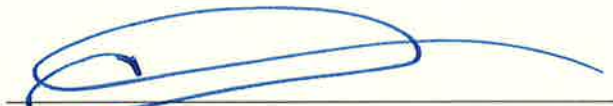
Tentative Agenda

Council discussed a tentative agenda for the August 23, 2021 meeting. There not being any items of note for that agenda, Council agreed to cancel the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.



Charles Poss, Mayor



Recorder